

Topic: 2024 Comprehensive Plan Update**Staff Report**

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Summary

This agenda item is to brief the Planning Commission on the 2024 Comprehensive Plan Update. The Community Planning Division is working a team of consultants led by Otak to update the plan. The project team will be working with all departments of the City to coordinate efforts and over-arching policies for adoption into the plan. The project team is also implementing an engagement effort to receive and incorporate community input into the plan.

Project Background

The Growth Management Act (GMA) requires all jurisdictions within Pierce, King, and Snohomish Counties update their comprehensive plans and development regulations by June 30, 2024, and every eight years thereafter [RCW 36.70A.130(5)]. The State of Washington requires these periodic updates to ensure local governments' plans and regulations remain consistent with the Growth Management Act (GMA).

The horizon year for the upcoming comprehensive plan update is 2044. In 2044 Lynnwood is projected to have approximately 65,000 residents within the existing city boundaries. The ST2 extension will have been running for 20 years. The ST3 station will have been open and running for approximately 8 years. Lynnwood will be better connected than ever to both Everett and Seattle.

To plan for 2044, the comprehensive plan will need to consider a wide variety of important values and issues. These considerations include embedding race and social equity into the planning process and plan content; strengthening and preserving a strong sense of community in the face of changes; responding to its new role as a regional transit hub connecting King and Snohomish counties more thoroughly than ever before; improving the quality of life for its residents; and considering community resilience as a core value in responding to disruptive regional, national, or global events such as the COVID-19 pandemic. The updated comprehensive plan will address these values and issues in a cohesive, accessible document that expresses continuity in community vision, goals, policies, strategies, and implementation actions.

Next Steps

A series of presentations will be provided throughout the progress of the plan to keep Planning Commission up-to-date and to solicit valuable policy direction.

- February: Engagement Memo
- 2022 Briefings:
 - Planning Commission
 - January 27, 2022
 - April 28, 2022
 - August 11, 2022
 - October 28, 2022
 - City Council
 - January 7, 2022
 - May 16, 2022
 - September 19, 2022
 - November 7, 2022

Engagement To-Date

- Community Outreach
 - Early Engagement Survey (August – December 2021)
- Advisory Committee
 - TBD
- Planning Commission
 - Presentation: March 11, 2021
- City Council
 - Presentation: March 1, 2021
 - Growth Allocations Memo: October 20, 2022

Attachments:

- 2024 Comprehensive Plan Update PowerPoint
- Growth Allocations Memo